



**50 Years Since Women of All Red Nations: Indigenous Feminisms for the Future |
44th Annual Conference Presidential Session**

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In 1974, activists including Lorelei DeCora Means, Madonna Thunderhawk, Phyllis Young, Janet McCloud, and Marie Sanchez founded Women of All Red Nations (WARN). Involving members from over 30 tribal communities, WARN challenged settler colonialism - especially coercive sterilization and mining on native lands - while also advocating for the rights of women within native communities and sovereignty movements. This presidential session celebrates the 50th anniversary of the founding of WARN by bringing together Indigenous feminist scholars and activists to discuss key issues in Indigenous feminist scholarship and activism, including the ongoing need to challenge settler colonialism and the violence it enables against Indigenous women and Two-Spirit People, as well as the ways Indigenous feminists theorize notions of (non)human relationality, environmental stewardship, decolonization, and sovereignty.

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[Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women](#)

[National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, Inc.](#) (NIWRC)

[Nooni Project](#)

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